

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

Applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed January 27, 2005 and Information Disclosure Statements filed January 4, 2008 and July 19, 2005 have been received and entered into the application. As reflected by the attached, completed copies of form PTO-1449, the cited references have been considered. Also, the specification and claims have been amended as indicated by Applicants.

None of the references teach or would have suggested a method for treating A-V graft failure in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to such subject an effective amount of an agent which inhibits the production, release or neo-intima generating effects of chymase, wherein said effective amount of said agent is an amount effective to treat said A-V graft failure.

Accordingly, claims 1-12 are deemed in condition for allowance.

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